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WELCOME TO METRO NYC

EVA KIS, GOING OUT EDITOR

It's not just time for Pumpkin Spice Lattes and horror films — fall also brings a whole new crop of shows to the city's theaters, mind-blowing exhibits to its museums and galleries and new immersive experiences to test your own creativity. We've got your guide to everything you simply must check out in the next three months.

DEAL WITH DEMOCRATS ON IMMIGRATION IS CLOSE

President Donald Trump said on Thursday he was close to a deal with Democratic congressional leaders on protections for illegal immigrants brought to the United States as children, astounding fellow Republicans again while alarming conservative supporters. Trump, who met with the top Democrats in the Senate and House of Representatives, Chuck Schumer and Nancy Pelosi, at the White House on Wednesday evening, said any final agreement must include significant steps to protect border security including surveillance systems. The president added that funding for his planned wall along the U.S.-Mexican border — a centerpiece of his 2016 presidential campaign — would "come later" and not be part of any final deal on the fate of the 800,000 so-called Dreamers. But speaking to reporters, he said Democrats "cannot obstruct the wall."

NORTH KOREA FIRES MISSILE OVER JAPAN

North Korea fired a missile that flew over Japan's northern Hokkaido far out into the Pacific Ocean on Friday, South Korean and Japanese officials said, further ratcheting up tensions after Pyongyang's recent test of its most powerful nuclear bomb. The missile flew over Japan and landed in the Pacific about 2,000 km (1,240 miles) east of Hokkaido, Japan's Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga told reporters in a hastily organized media conference. "These repeated provocations on the part of North Korea are impermissible and we protest in the strongest words," Suga said. Warning announcements about the missile blared around 7 a.m. (2200 GMT Thursday) in the town of Kamaishi, northern Japan, footage from national broadcaster NHK showed.

GETTY IMAGES

TRADING FLOOR

Traders work on the floor at the closing bell of the Dow Industrial Average at the New York Stock Exchange on Thursday. The Dow edged to a fresh record Thursday, while the S&P 500 and Nasdaq pulled back from all-time peaks as industrial and technology shares moved in opposite directions. Analysts described the stock movements as indicative of bets shifting away from tech high-flyers to sectors that have not done as well.

5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

WEINER SEEKS TO AVOID PRISON IN 'SEXTING' CASE

Former U.S. Rep. Anthony Weiner has asked a judge not to sentence him to prison after he admitted to sending sexually explicit messages to a teenage girl, igniting a "sexting" scandal that played a role in last year's U.S. presidential election. In a filing in Manhattan federal court late Wednesday, Weiner's lawyers said Weiner acted out of the "depths of an uncontrolled sickness." They argued Weiner should be sentenced to probation, including mental health treatment and perform community service. Weiner, 53, submitted his own letter to the court in which he apologized and said he was continuing to seek treatment. "I don't know how I will be able to make amends to the young person who I dragged into my sordid mess," he said.

LAWSUIT ACCUSES GOOGLE OF BIAS IN PAY

Three female former employees of Alphabet Inc.'s Google filed a lawsuit accusing the company of discriminating against women in pay and promotions. The proposed class-action lawsuit, filed in California state court in San Francisco, comes as Google is facing an investigation by the U.S. Department of Labor into sex bias in pay practices. The plaintiffs are a former Google software engineer, a former communications specialist and a former manager who worked in various roles at the company. They say Google pays women in California less than men who perform similar work and assigns female workers jobs that are less likely to lead to promotions. "While Google has been an industry-leading tech innovator, its treatment of female employees has not entered the 21st century," Kelly Dermody, a lawyer for the women, said in a statement.

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A poll shows that 54 percent of voters want Congress to establish a path to citizenship for DACA recipients.

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New York's climate change efforts targeting buildings, city's biggest greenhouse gas emitters

Mayor Bill de Blasio announced a city-wide mandate requiring New York's buildings to become more energy efficient, reducing carbon emissions.

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The biggest cause of carbon emissions in New York is not the cars that clog the city streets, but the buildings that make up the iconic skyline — and to combat that, Mayor Bill de Blasio announced on Thursday the first city-wide mandate to make buildings become more energy efficient.

"We love our skyline, we look to it with pride, but we also have to be honest, that's part of the problem and needs to be addressed," de Blasio said.

Speaking in front of the water at the Brooklyn Bridge Park, de Blasio announced the initiative requiring building retrofits to boilers, water heaters, roofs and windows in order to meet fossil fuel use targets by 2030.

If building owners fail to meet these targets, they'll face serious fines, he said. The owner of a one million square-foot building would pay as much as $2 million in fines every year if they do not conform to the new standards.

The initiative is intended to show that New York is a leader in fighting climate change as the effort on the federal level has stymied.

"Today's announcement is the first in a series. We will have a lot more to say as we come up on 90 days since president Trump tragically started the process of taking the U.S. out of the Paris accord," de Blasio said.

"It's a sad statement that the actions of the president of the United States are putting his own home town at risk, but that's the truth," the mayor continued. "By stepping away from the Paris agreement, President Trump has endangered New York, but [we're] not going to take it lying down. We're taking matters into our own hands."

The average cost of retrofitting a building depends on its size, officials said, but for smaller buildings, the cost can reach $15,000 for minor upgrades. For building owners with limited means, the city will provide low-interest loans for the upfront costs.

New York's buildings are its biggest cause of carbon emissions, officials said. DAVID INGRAM

"Then, they will benefit from the cost savings," de Blasio said. "Any time you retrofit, you reduce your energy use, and it ultimately pays for itself."

For the "big landlords," the mayor said, "they have the money, they can make these changes."

The city says it will work to ensure that the retrofits do not cause landlords to raise their rents. There's no need to burden tenants, de Blasio said, because landlords will ultimately get their money back. Making a building more energy efficient also lowers bills for residents, officials said.

The initiative will help create 17,000 green jobs, the city estimates. Through a previously announced initiative, the city pays for training to prepare New York residents to do this kind of work.

New York believes that it can reach a higher goal than the requirements outlined in the Paris Agreement, de Blasio said and tackling building emissions will help that effort. The mandated fossil fuel caps will apply to all buildings over 25,000 square feet, with the plan focusing on the 14,500 buildings that are the "worst offenders," producing nearly one-quarter of the city's emissions.

"If we want to visualize what this one single change would mean to the city, why this is the single most powerful action — this change to our buildings is equivalent to taking 900,000 cars off the road in this city each year," the mayor said.

The mayor's office will work with City Council to pass this legal mandate in the coming months, de Blasio said, "because we know time is not on our side. We have to act urgently."

"By stepping away from the Paris agreement, President Trump has endangered New York City, but New York City is not going to take it lying down. We're taking matters into our own hands."

Mayor Bill De Blasio

Pace University 'shooter' guilty of fashion crime: Police

Pace University in Lower Manhattan was evacuated Thursday afternoon in what police later called a crime of fashion.

"There is no active shooter, there is no man with a gun, there were no shots fired, there is no one injured," NYPD Deputy Commissioner of Intelligence & Counterterrorism John Miller said at a news conference.

Around 2:19 p.m., students called 911 after seeing what they thought was a man with "belt-fed ammunition, like what is used for a machine gun" under the stall door in a sixth floor bathroom, Miller said.

The university was immediately evacuated for a short time while officials searched the building.

Investigators encountered a male who was "observed wearing a belt that looked like it was made of bullets used for a machine gun," Miller said, and the unidentified man confirmed he had been in the sixth floor bathroom around the time of the 911 call.

Pace University in Lower Manhattan. WIKIMEDIA

Miller said the man told officials he had worn the belt to the school before and it "was just a belt, a fashion statement — probably not a very good fashion statement though," he added.

Students were allowed back into the building about an hour after the incident and police confiscated the belt to confirm it is not made of live bullets, but Miller doesn't expect to discover "anything too sinister."

"It turns out to be a happy, if not slightly awkward, ending for the individual wearing the belt," Miller said. "We had well-meaning complainants who made legitimate observations and did the right thing by calling the police."

When asked by a reporter if anyone has been charged, Miller joked that the department is "considering charging one individual with a fashion crime, but we're conferring with the fashion prosecutor."

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These were the city's most and least expensive neighborhoods during August

The vacancy rate in Manhattan also fell after climbing in July, a Citi Habitats report found.

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Fewer millionaires may be calling New York home, but that doesn't mean the city is any less expensive. Still, there are areas that are more expensive than others, and unsurprisingly, most of those areas are in Manhattan.

In Manhattan, rents for studio and one-bedroom apartments increased an average of 1 percent month-over-month, according to the Citi Habitats August 2017 rental market report, while the cost of two-bedrooms rose "by a marginal amount."

The average monthly rental price in August for a studio in Manhattan was $2,363, according to the report, and $3,193 for a one-bedroom. Two-bedrooms averaged $4,069 and three-bedrooms $5,420.

That's across the board in Manhattan, but broken down, different areas of the borough see different rents. The most expensive Manhattan neighborhood for renters in August was SoHo/Tribeca, according to Citi Habitats, where the median rent of all apartments was $5,100, studios were $2,990 and one-bedrooms averaged $4,336.

The second costliest neighborhood went to Gramercy/Flatiron, which has a median rent of $4,500 overall, with studios going for $2,741 and one-bedrooms averaging $3,693.

Though it may be easy to classify all of New York as "the most expensive," cost is relative, and the cheapest Manhattan rents were found in Washington Heights, where the median rent was $2,200 in August. There, studios averaged $1,550 and one-bedrooms $1,815.

Below 96th Street, the Lower East Side was the least expensive area, with a median overall rent of $3,200 and studios and one-bedrooms averaging $2,150 and $3,350 respectively.

The Citi Habitats report looked at Brooklyn as well, where the cost of a studio rose 1 percent from July. However, the rent for one- and two-bedrooms fell 1 percent in August, the report found.

The most expensive area of Brooklyn was DUMBO, which had a median rent of $4,500 overall in August. DUMBO studios averaged $2,823 and one-bedrooms were at $4,094.

Though it may be easy to classify all of New York as "the most expensive," cost is relative. FLICKR/ERIK DROST

The least expensive place to rent in Brooklyn went to Bed-Stuy, where the median August rent was $2,500 overall. There, the average for studios was $1,885 and for one-bedrooms, $2,185. Bushwick followed close behind as the second cheapest area with a median rent of $2,625 overall, a $1,822 average for studios and a $2,170 average for one-bedrooms. Overall, rents in Manhattan and Brooklyn remained stable, according to Citi Habitats. There was also a slight change in vacancy rates — in Manhattan, the vacancy rate fell to 1.78 percent from July's 1.84 percent. Still, Citi Habitats notes, the rate for August 2017 is higher than last year's, which was 1.73 percent.

"August is traditionally the busiest month for rentals and in a competitive market like this one, landlords were smart to ratchet up the use of incentives to drive traffic to their properties," said Gary Malin, president of Citi Habitats, in a statement.

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The Wall Street bull was doused in blue Thursday morning. @DRAWTHEBLUELINE/TWITTER

Wall Street bull vandalized with splash of blue

The "Charging Bull" and "Fearless Girl" were targeted by vandals early Thursday.

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Police are investigating after Wall Street's "Charging Bull" statue was vandalized with a splash of blue Thursday morning, officials said.

Eric Phillips, the mayor's press secretary, posted a picture of the sculpture doused in blue on Twitter around 8:15 a.m., noting that the vandalism was "in apparent protest of the Paris [climate agreement] pullout."

"No place for vandalism in public debate," Phillips added.

The nearby "Fearless Girl" statue was also draped with a sash that read "draw the blue line," another reference in support of the Paris agreement.

Phillips wrote that the bull was splashed with paint, but according to a post on a "Draw the Blue Line" Facebook page, the blue substance was a mixture of corn oil and chalk.

Images of both the "Charging Bull" and the "Fearless Girl" statues with their respective alterations were posted on that Facebook page.

The vandalism was treated like an art piece, with the Facebook post of the bull bearing the title "'Bulls–t' (2017) — Performance vandalism by Courtney Frances Fallon with corn oil and industrial chalk."

The "Fearless Girl" image was captioned "'Suffragette Sash' (2017) by Courtney Frances Fallon — nylon and cotton ribbon, vinyl and safety pins."

A Twitter account with the handle @DrawTheBlueLine posted the same images at around 6 a.m. on Thursday morning.

Along with the image of the bull, the tweet read, "Be bull-headed in the face of climate change denial, and demand action now."

The blue splash on the bull and the sash were both removed Thursday morning. No arrests have been made, police said, and the investigation is ongoing.

The "Charging Bull," installed in 1989 by artist Artuto Di Modica, was vandalized with blue paint in 2008.

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Obamacare enrollment to fall in 2018 and beyond after cuts: CBO

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The administration has cut back on advertising spending, halved the enrollment period to six weeks and reduced outreach.

In addition, insurance premiums will rise sharply in 2018, the CBO said, which will also deter enrollment.

The non partisan agency now estimates that the average monthly enrollment on the exchanges will be about 11 million people, down approximately 4 million from last year's forecast. People can sign up for or drop out of coverage throughout the year as their employment status or access to other government health plans changes.

Republicans have tried to replace Democratic former President Barack Obama's 2010 Affordable Care Act, often called Obamacare, but have been unable to muster the needed votes to pass a new law.

The administration of President Donald Trump has created further uncertainty by refusing to commit to paying the program subsidies that make the individual insurance affordable, which has caused insurers to raise rates for next year to cover these potential costs.

Insurers must decide this month whether to stay in this market and many, such as Anthem Inc, Aetna Inc and Humana Inc have pared back or completely exited the market for next year. REUTERS

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	3 bedroom	$775	2	3 people 4 people 5 people 6 people	$29,898 - $34,360 $29,898 - $38,160 $29,898 - $41,240 $29,898 - $44,280
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	2 bedroom	$870	4	2 people 3 people 4 people	$32,435 - $38,200 $32,435 - $42,950 $32,435 - $47,700
	3 bedroom	$1,000	5	3 people 4 people 5 people 6 people	$37,612 - $42,950 $37,612 - $47,700 $37,612 - $51,550 $37,612 - $55,350
60% AREA MEDIAN INCOME (AMI) UNITS	**1 bedroom**	$882	49	1 person 2 people	$32,709 - $40,080 $32,709 - $45,840
	2 bedroom	$1,065	29	2 people 3 people 4 people	$39,120 - $45,840 $39,120 - $51,540 $39,120 - $57,240
	3 bedroom	$1,224	10	3 people 4 people 5 people 6 people	$45,292 - $51,540 $45,292 - $57,240 $45,292 - $61,860 $45,292 - $66,420

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Welcoming Week opens arms to immigrants across nation

The sixth annual YMCA event's national kickoff takes place at the Queens Museum on Friday.

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Queens is known as "the world's borough," a nickname slated to be even more meaningful as the diverse New York City enclave is hosting the national kickoff for the YMCA's event-packed sixth annual Welcoming Week on Friday.

A partnership between YMCA of the USA, Welcoming America and others, Welcoming Week honors the nation's immigrant communities while bringing them together with others via community-based events.

Last year saw an estimated 25,000 participants at more than 115 events. Attendance will likely increase this year as many Americans are against the Trump administration's actions regarding immigrants, such as its ban on travelers from six mostly Muslim nations and its recent rollback on protections for immigrant minors known as Dreamers.

"We're a non-partisan organization, so we don't take public positions on anything," said Rachael Rinaldo, senior director of the New Americans Initiative of the YMCA of Greater New York.

"We just focus our energy and resources on the cause, which is strengthening the community through our three pillars: youth development, healthy living and social responsibility."

To that end, Friday's Welcoming Week kickoff at the Queens Museum from 3-6 p.m. will feature a mixed bag of events that range from drumming circles and Brazilian capoeira to yoga and meditation. There will also be a "Where In the World Am I From?" mapping activity for attendees and an opportunity to share their stories.

"When people enter, they'll be given a bracelet that says 'Welcome' in all different languages and in all different colors," Rinaldo said.

"The first kick-off event will be people bridging relationships with others wearing the same color."

Welcoming Week events will take place through Sept. 24 at seven of the YMCA's 22 branches across the city. They include a community extravaganza in the Bronx, partnering with the Flatbush Frolic, hosting a Know Your Rights workshop in Harlem in conjunction with the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs (MOIA), hosting a food and music festival at the Prospect Park chapter, a mock citizenship swearing-in in Staten Island and a bridge walk and ethnic food celebration in Chinatown.

"In this difficult moment for many immigrant New Yorkers, opportunities to build stronger communities and cross-cultural understanding is essential," said Bitta Mostofi, acting commissioner of MOIA, adding that the agency will also be at Friday's kickoff and will provide info on city services at YMCAs across the city.

Beyond its events, the unity at the core of Welcoming Week is what Rinaldo looks forward to most.

"It's really witnessing the power of togetherness and watching these invisible barriers — the political, the religious, the ethnic and racial barriers — dissolve," she said. "New friendships are made and relationships amongst all walks of life are created. That, to me, is my favorite part."

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22x20 Campaign teaches teens to spot fake news ahead of 2020 election

With 22 million teens eligible to vote in 2020, The LAMP's nonpartisan initiative hopes to engage and educate the next generation.

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With some Americans thinking about the 2020 presidential election since Nov. 8, when Donald Trump defeated Hillary Clinton, one New York City-based initiative is looking to help the 22 million young Americans who will be eligible to vote then to make educated decisions as they sift through ever-growing fake news and alternative facts. To do just that, The LAMP, a nonpartisan media literacy organization for students, parents and teachers, is holding a summit at Columbia University on Friday and Saturday to launch its 22x20 Campaign. Sponsored by the MacArthur Foundation, Mozilla Foundation and Facebook Journalism Project, the summit will serve as a strategy meeting of sorts for the campaign.

"Student leaders will participate to help us figure out how we pull this off to ignite and engage 22 million teens by 2020," said D.C. Vito, co-founder and executive director of The LAMP.

22x20's first milestone will be President Trump's first State of the Union speech in January.

"We want to make this a must-watch, must-engage-with event for teens across the country," Vito said. "That's the focus of the summit. We're finessing what we can do to make sure the State of the Union is a very necessary media spectacle to engage with."

How did 22x20 come about?

[The LAMP's] focus has always been helping young people understand media and the impact media has on their lives, helping them learn to make their own media so they see their voice as part of the conversation, and using those two facets to help them have critical thinking about media so they can be the ones actively challenging harmful, misleading and untrue messages.

When The LAMP was founded in 2007, did you see this fake news storm coming?

We always spoke about misinformation and propaganda – it was always a facet. It's been around since the formation of this country. I mean, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams planted stories in newspapers that were completely false just to try and sway political opinion, and you have Orson Welles' "War of the Worlds" — it's always been around.

What is the common denominator in fake news and alternative facts?

It's not about truth; it's about getting you to feel something. A shoe commercial is not asking you to think about whether or not these shoes are worth the money or will make you run faster, they just want you to feel that you will.

Social media can help spread fake news. Were there concerns partnering with Facebook, which has come under fire for that recently?

There's a multifaceted approach that Facebook is taking to address this issue, specifically their Journalism Project, which is very excited about the idea that we're bringing a national campaign to help youth detect misinformation and propaganda and become more informed voters.

With 22x20 in its infant stages, what challenges do you foresee the campaign facing?

Just making sure this remains youth-centered and that young people are the true leaders. This is not telling young people what they need to do – this is allowing and activating youth voices so that what young people care about and what issues are important to them become central to the election.

The LAMP teaches youth, seen here during past workshops, to look at and create commercials and advertising, news and reporting, images, videos and digital media to decipher what's real and fake. PROVIDED

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Citi Bike celebrates South African artist, culture with street mural

Iman Shanklin-Roberts created the mural at the Franklin Street and West Broadway bike station to honor artist Esther Mahlangu.

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As a way to celebrate the diversity of New York City — and September being Women's Bike Month — Citi Bike on Wednesday unveiled a vibrant geometric street mural honoring South African artist Esther Mahlangu.

Created by up-and-coming artist Imani Shanklin-Roberts, who graduated from Pratt University in 2014, the mural is located at the Citi Bike station plaza at Franklin Street and West Broadway in Manhattan.

The mural was created as part of a month-long partnership between Citi Bike, which is operated by Motivate and South African Tourism.

Additionally, Citi Bike and South African Tourism will present a South Africa-themed block party near Shanklin-Roberts' new mural at the docking station from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday. The event will feature a pop-up food truck, face-painting, music and more.

Citi Bike members can also take advantage of a vacation promotion through South African Airways Vacations as part of the partnership, which includes exploring Johannesburg and Soweto by bicycle, visiting the Apartheid Museum and a two-night safari. Thirty of Citi Bike's 600 docking stations will also be branded with South African imagery.

This mural honoring South African artist Esther Mahlangu was created by Iman Shanklin-Roberts at the Franklin Street and West Broadway Citi Bike station. PROVIDED

Though Mahlangu, 81, is known the world over, she still lives in her home village of Middelburg, whose culture inspires her renown and colorful works of art.

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Facebook won't say if Russia targeted you during the election, but they probably did

Facebook revealed Russian trolls bought $100,000 of ads, but is resisting full disclosure about what else they know or when they knew it.

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Facebook has faced criticism for allegedly selling advertising space to Russian trolls. GETTY IMAGES

This week Facebook admitted that Russian trolls not only used the social network to disseminate anti-Clinton propaganda during the 2016 election, but also set up and publicized anti-Clinton rallies. This is a polar turnaround from Facebook's assertion earlier this year that they had no evidence that Russia had done so.

Now, the company says they won't disclose if you were targeted by those trolls, the Daily Beast reports. "We aren't well placed to know if something like coordination occurred," said a Facebook spokesperson, referring to any potential collusion between the Trump campaign and Russia.

One week ago, Facebook revealed they had sold 3,000 ads to a Russian troll farm totaling $100,000 from May 2015 to June 2017.

The company then said it would not release information about Russian-supported Facebook posts, troll groups, or paid ads. They also said they wouldn't disclose what information they had given Congressional investigators probing Russia's meddling in the election, or how they found 470 accounts involved with the ads.

But the company may be compelled to. Bloomberg News reported on Wednesday that special counsel Robert Mueller has zeroed in on Facebook as part of his own probe into the Trump campaign's potential collusion with Russia. And Sen. Richard Burr (R-NC), the Intelligence Committee chairman, said Tuesday it's "probably more a question of when" there will be a Senate hearing at which Facebook will testify.

Sen. Mark Warner, a member of the Senate Intelligence Committee, said earlier this month that Facebook had taken down 50,000 accounts during the recent French presidential elections, and that the company's revelations about the ads it sold during the 2016 U.S election were only the "tip of the iceberg" and "I think there's going to be much more."

"It appeared to me that the very social media sites that we rely on for virtually everything — our Facebooks, Googles and Twitters — it was my belief the Russians were using those sites to intervene in our elections," Warner said this month at the Intelligence & National Security Summit in Washington, D.C. "And the first reaction from Facebook was: 'Well you're crazy, there's nothing going on' — well, we find yesterday there actually was something going on."

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Mention details about the university in your personal statement
Avoid writing a generic personal statement that makes no effort to reference the university or program you're applying to. This kind of detail, along with the names of any faculty members you've met at events or any modules you're particularly interested in, shows your commitment to the university while demonstrating you have actually taken the time to learn about what the course has to offer and whether it's right for you.

Have an end goal in mind
The working world might seem some way off still, but universities want to know what your plans are for after graduation. If you can show how studying this particular grad school program will further your career ambitions, it helps to validate your application. Universities would rather give a place to someone with a plan than somebody without one.

Be approachable
Applications can feel stiff and formal, but it's important to remember to inject some personality and warmth into your writing. Your personal statement is the only real chance your application has to get admissions staff to relate to you on a human level, so don't be too guarded and give them a sense of the real you. Explain how your interest in this particular field developed, what you've worked on in the past, and what you particularly enjoy about this area of study.

Try to meet university staff at fairs and other events
If you have the opportunity to meet admissions staff, students and other individuals connected to your university of choice, you should almost always do so. Whether it's at a university fair or another form of networking event, this is a fantastic chance to not only gather information but also make a positive impression. There's always a chance that the person you meet at an event will be the person reviewing your application later on, and if they have a positive memory of meeting you then it's likely to be of significant benefit to your application.

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To help you on your way, here are some things to consider when looking for the right program.

Employment outcomes
The MBA is a vocational degree, so perhaps the most important thing is to make sure a program aligns with your career goals. Is the school known for connections to any particular industries? Where do graduates go on to work? Are you able to take an internship? Are there elective modules or even specialized tracks you take to build expertise in a particular area? Does the alumni network include contacts who could help you get where you want to go?

Curriculum and teaching style
While you're certainly going to learn all the essentials and gain a bird's eye view of business that will allow you to pull the strings — hopefully one day from the very top — what is taught, and how it's taught, varies from school to school. It's important, therefore, to scope out the curriculum and determine if it appeals to you. From case studies to simulations to real-life projects and more, schools use a number of methods to train the business leaders of the future. Some are more about collaboration, while others more about competition; you just have to work out what best suits your learning style.

Location
Most full-time candidates will leave their hometown to study; many will leave their country. Heck, a good number even wave goodbye to entire continents. This can be a great way to see the world, meet new people and learn about how business is done elsewhere on the planet. You shouldn't rule out packing your bags if you have the opportunity — your perfect school may well not be in the U.S. On the other hand, don't feel obliged to go anywhere, either. An MBA is going to be hard enough work without any unnecessary distractions.

Are you being realistic?
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History, architecture, fashion — fall's best new museum exhibits have something for everyone. **EVA KIS**

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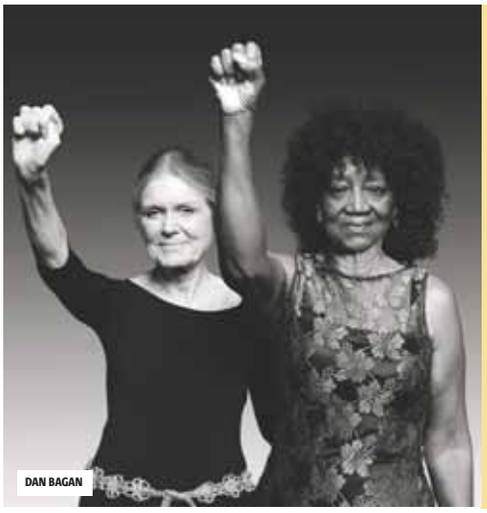
Expedition: Fashion from the Extreme

Mankind's fascination with the natural world has led to some of our grandest adventures, from climbing Mount Everest to seeking the bottom of the ocean and, of course, going to space. Inspired by the spectacular images these explorers brought back, designers began creating aspirational fashions in the 1960s to the early 2000s chronicled in Expedition at the Museum at FIT. Who knew puffer jackets would become couture? **Through Jan. 6, 2018, Seventh Avenue at 27th Street, fitnyc.edu**



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Beyond Suffrage: A Century of New York Women in Politics

Though we didn't break the glass ceiling in 2016, we can thank the women featured in this exhibit for helping us reach the roof. The Museum of the City of New York is showcasing the trailblazing kweens who paved a political path for women both on and off Capitol Hill in Beyond Suffrage. Examining activists over the course of a century, this exhibit celebrates the women who advocated for voter rights in early 1900s as well as healthcare and fair labor standards. **Opens Oct. 11, 2017, 1220 Fifth Ave., mcny.org**

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Soulful Creatures: Animal Mummies in Ancient Egypt

Humans have always been willing to go to extremes for our pets, but perhaps no one in history has worshipped theirs as much as the Egyptians. Soulful Creatures: Animal Mummies in Ancient Egypt looks at the little-explored rituals of helping beloved animals move onto the afterlife — they believed animals had souls and could commune with the gods. Drawn from the museum's collections, exquisite burial ephemera like statues and appliques accompanies delicately mummified remains of creatures from snakes and dogs to cats and birds. **Sept. 29, 2017-Jan. 21, 2018, 200 Eastern Parkway, brooklynmuseum.org**

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Trigger: Gender As a Tool and a Weapon

Whether it's the sexism evident in the 2016 presidential race or the debate over transgender people's bathroom use being policed, there's no hotter cultural topic than gender. The New Museum's fall exhibit doesn't mince words in its title: Trigger: Gender as a Tool and a Weapon takes over three floors with video, performance, photography and crafts by over 40 artists all exploring a more expansive idea of gender and what that means in our political and cultural moment. **Sept. 27, 2017-Jan. 21, 2018, 235 Bowery, newmuseum.org**

Never Built New York

Even in the concrete jungle made of dreams, as Jay-Z and Alicia Keys put it, some are bound to be too ambitious. Never Built New York at the Queens Museum looks at 200 years of pie-in-the-sky projects like Buckminster Fuller's Dome Over Manhattan (1960). Think of it less like a moratorium of failed ideas — could a football stadium in Manhattan possibly have been a good idea? — and more as encouragement to keep imagining what could be. **Sept. 17, 2017-Feb. 18, 2018, New York City Building, Flushing Meadows-Corona Park, queensmuseum.org**

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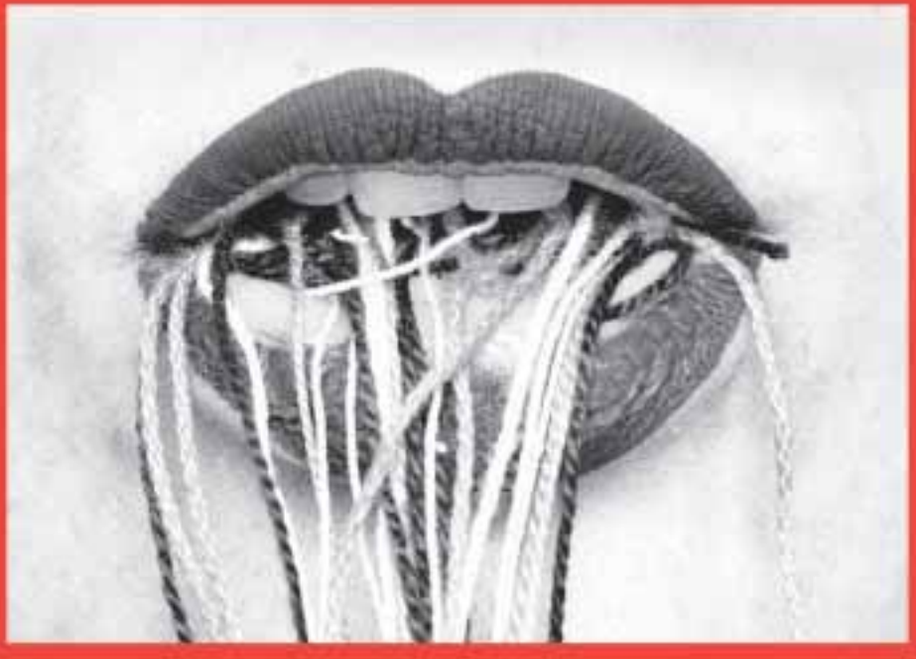

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Have we made progress?

Fu Dao/Fu Dao (1997) by Chen Zen GUGGENHEIM

This season's best new art exhibits question what's been lost in our rush forward.

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The world is changing too fast. Whether it's the homogenization of the city through gentrification or the social upheaval happening all over the world, this fall's art exhibits take a nostalgic look at where we came from — and whether moving forward means we've made progress.

Delirious: Art at the Limits of Reason, 1950-1980

Though this exhibit examines work between 1950 to 1980, the Metropolitan Museum of Art's concept for this show — "delirious times demand delirious art" — is just as relevant today. Featuring 62 artists, Delirious is divided into four categories: Vertigo, Excess, Nonsense and Twisted. Crossing artistic mediums, these artists confront issues like political unrest, oppression and economic chaos. *Through Jan. 14, 2018, The Met Breuer, 945 Madison Ave., metmuseum.org*

Fictions

The Studio Museum in Harlem began highlighting emerging artists of African descent living in America in 2001 through occasional massive, wide-ranging exhibitions. The fifth in the series, Fictions, arrives this fall with 19 artists using media from photography to video and large-scale installations to tell the stories of the past five years. The exhibit both reflects today's world and dives deep into the forces that have distorted society. *Through Jan. 7, 2018, 144 W. 125th St., studiomuseum.org*

Club 57: Film, Performance and Art in the East Village, 1978-1983

Every underground performance space in the city owes something to the basement of a Polish church at 57 St. Marks Place. Club 57 was a hole-in-the-wall artistic hub in late '70s and early '80s whose denizens experimented with art, fashion, theater and music. The Museum of Modern Art is pulling out artifacts not seen for decades to showcase the lasting effects Club 57 has had on this city. *Oct. 31-April 1, 2018, 11 W. 53rd St., moma.org*

Art and China After 1989: Theater of the World

In one piece of this Guggenheim exhibit, hundreds of reptiles and insects eat each other alive. A gritty, tangible metaphor for the strong devouring the weak, this exhibition explores the shaky dynamics of the politics and global expansion of China. Spanning 150 works by over 70 artists, Art and China After 1989 is a glimpse into how becoming a global superpower has changed the soul of China. *Oct. 6, 2017-Jan.7, 2018, 1071 Fifth Ave., guggenheim.org*

Jimmie Durham: At the Center of the World

Continuing its mission to highlight up-and-coming artists, the Whitney Museum of American Art would like to introduce you to Jimmie Durham. A one-time New York City resident who brought his activism and artwork downtown, Durham dabbles in almost every artistic medium, using his work to expose prejudices hidden all around us and to criticize the Western-centric ideals spoon-fed to our society and beyond. *Nov. 3, 2017-Jan. 28, 2018, 99 Gansevoort St., whitney.org*

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Photoville expands beyond shipping containers

In its sixth year, the outdoor photography festival is more popular than ever.

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Photoville, the free outdoor photography festival in Brooklyn Bridge Plaza, is open now through Sunday, Sept. 17, and Thursday, SEpt. 21 through Sunday, Sept. 24. KISHA BARI: UNITED PHOTO INDUSTRIES

Sam Barzilay knows how hard it can be to motivate yourself to get out to a museum.

In 2012, when he cofounded Photoville, the free outdoor photography exhibition that takes over Brooklyn Bridge Plaza for two weekends every September, the idea was "to get photography and art not where you want people to go, but where they're already going," as he puts it.

The festival has indeed attracted both DUMBO passersby and art enthusiasts with its creative display mechanism: shipping containers repurposed into mini-galleries.

Now in its sixth year, Photoville will pack in nearly 60 shipping-container-galleries under the Brooklyn Bridge. But Barzilay says that he and cofounders Dave Shelley and Laura Romanos have focused on new and creative ways to "expand and activate" other areas of the park. Photos are displayed in four-foot-tall wooden "Emergi-Cubes," lining the walls of a 1960s Shasta RV, or strung along a vinyl banner wrapping around the plaza's perimeter.

Beyond the installations, there's a host of programming, including panels and presentations, workshops and nightly screenings in the Photoville Beer Garden, where you'll find Smorgasburg food vendors and beer from Brooklyn Brewery.

Here are five must-see exhibitions this year.

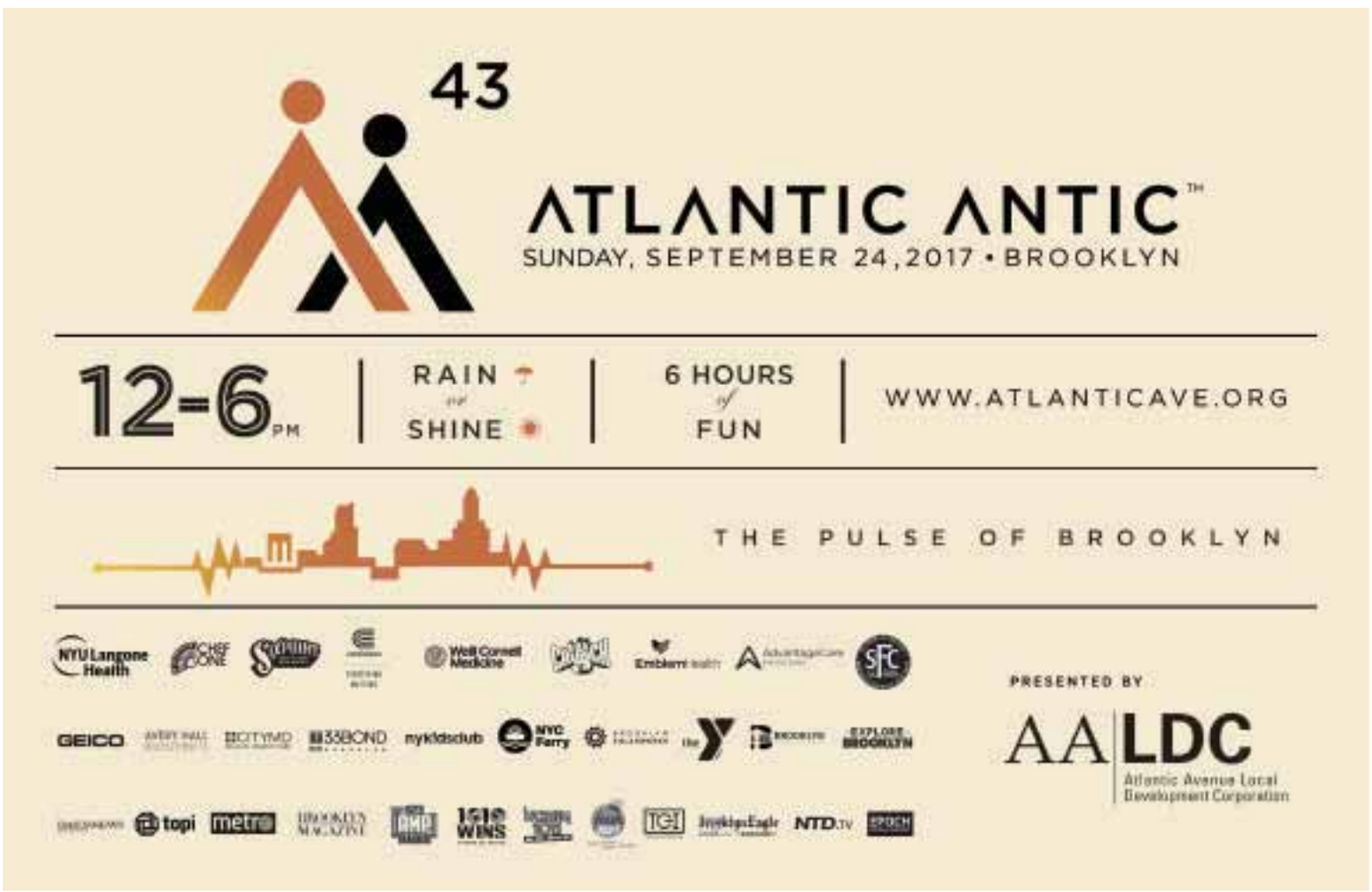
"Lost Rolls America"
When photographer Ron Haviv put out a call for submissions of undeveloped film rolls from folks nationwide, he received an archive of American nostalgia, from footage of Vietnam War protests to everyday moments of family and friends. Haviv developed and printed his favorites, which line the walls of a '60s Shasta RV parked at Photoville and bordered by a white picket fence.

"Emergi-Cubes"
Four-foot-high wooden boxes scattered throughout the festival will display work from 11 emerging artists, selected and curated by the founders of the NYTimes Lens Blog, James Estrin and David Gonzalez. Don't miss "Abuelas: Portraits of the Invisible Grandmothers," Cinthya Santos Briones' intimate portraits of undocumented Mexican immigrants.

"What We Share"
Displayed in six-foot-high wooden cubes, this global exhibition commissioned by the UN Office of the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs features two photo series that capture "different communities helping other communities in distress," explains Barzilay. In the first, photographer Vincent Tremeau depicts the Nigerian refugee experience in the Republic of Niger; and in the second, photographers Stefano Carini and Rawsht Twana tell the story of Syrian refugees in Iraqi Kurdistan.

"Carbon's Casualties: How Climate Change is Upending Life Around the World"
In the wake of hurricanes Harvey and Irma, this depiction of worldwide wreckage caused by global warming couldn't come at a more apt time. The exhibition from NYTimes photojournalist Josh Haner combines awesome and terrifying drone footage and still photos.

"My Shot: Portraits From 'Hamilton,' an American Musical"
Now for some levity. Whether you've actually seen the show or just know the soundtrack by heart, Josh Lehrer's black and white portraits from the hit Broadway musical will dazzle you star-struck.



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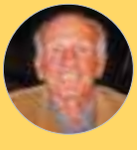

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New immersive play "Curiosities" transports you to an underground dystopia.

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Become one of the shady crew assembled by Professor Mysterium at "Curiosities."
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Summers are for reliving the boom times of the Jazz Age on Governors Island. But when fall arrives, so will a different kind of immersive experience set just a decade later but infinitely darker.

A play called "Curiosities" transports you into the world of post-Prohibition era performers, deviants, bootleggers, and rejects in an underground jazz club — and become a part of their freaky underground society.

Previews for the strictly limited run begin on Oct. 4 at The Menagerie in Park Slope, and tickets are on sale now.

The audience is encouraged to wear 1930s attire to the venue, which transforms a 5,000 square-foot warehouse to a sideshow and jazz club, complete with tunnels and rooms for theater-goers to explore.

After traversing subterranean twists and turns to Professor Mysterium's Menagerie of Wonder, audience members are greeted with a cocktail and introduced to the professor. From there, theatergoers can sit and watch a staged show, or take off to explore different corners of this world on their own.

"What is unique about this show is that everybody in the audience gets a personalized experience of some kind," says Anthony Logan Cole, who co-directed the show with Bryan Knowlton.

"We've capped the audience at 50 people so that everyone is involved with something intimate and personal," Cole said, noting that other popular immersive shows are at least double the size (even higher for "Sleep No More," which admits 450 people per performance).

The audience starts and finishes the two-hour-long show together, but what happens in between — who you follow, what you see and hear, and how you interact — will lead to a different outcome and perspective of the production.

The plot revolves around a group of performers and misfits who have banded together to "create a type of utopia paradise under the wing of a protector," Cole explains, and "what happens when that person is willing to do anything to maintain that utopia," during a dire financial time.

Cole, who also plays the master manipulator Professor Mysterium, says "Curiosities" toes the line between experience and narrative more so than other immersive shows, which he said often sacrifice character development for audience gimmicks.

"We have 10 characters who have a full story arc of their own," Cole says. "And audience members have the opportunity to sit in a room with a character, get into a bathtub and have a conversation with a character sitting next to them, and touch, feel, smell and taste.

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After spending 25 years photographing every kind of wealth, Lauren Greenfield should have an answer to the question "Does money buy happiness?"

"The subjects in the book answer that so much better than me," she says. "I love David Siegel from Queen of Versailles, who says, 'Money does not make you happy, but you can be unhappy in a good section of town.'"

The faces in Greenfield's photos — from high schoolers to hotel tycoons, high-end prostitutes and Kardashians (including a 12-year-old Kim K. who already looks destined for fame) — are rarely smiling amid the orgy of brand-name purses and mansions.

Greenfield has been chronicling how wealth affects people since 1992, and for the first time her work has been collected into a book and a massive retrospective called Generation Wealth at the International Center of Photography Museum, opening Sept. 20.

"What I was trying to look at is how we've set aside traditional morality in favor of the values of lifestyle and money," she explains. "There's a cost to that for sure, not just to the people involved but to really all of us when the values of capitalism take over any traditional values."

The exhibit could easily just be a grotesque display of affluence, were it not for Greenfield's interviews with each subject — most often about the problems that money has brought them.

And then there is the revelation that most of Greenfield's subjects aren't actually wealthy; they're just living like they are, faking it till they make it like the rapper Future, who would drop his last cent at Atlanta's famous Magic City strip club to build excitement for his music.

"A lot of the people in the book are not rich — there's either a pretense or a faking or aspiring, and the backdrop of these 25 years is that we've had less and less social mobility," Greenfield says.

"In the '70s and postwar generation of my parents, there was a feeling you could be anything, you could make a better life than your parents, and now a lot of people don't feel that way."

But even for people who do fake their way into wealth, getting more money becomes like an addiction. Florian Homm, who went from being a hedge fund banker to the FBI's Most Wanted List, describes the drive best: "When bigger is better, there's no stopping."

And when there's no stopping, the world starts to warp. Hard work and education are no longer seen as the path to the American Dream when a woman like Brooke Taylor, who has a degree and was a social worker making $30,000 trades up to being a prostitute making $30,000 in a couple of days. And when sex work becomes glamorous, Greenfield points to knock-on effects like teenagers dressing like strippers and their moms taking classes called Cardio Striptease. For women especially, the pursuit of wealth makes commodities of their bodies, and eventually souls.

As for finding real happiness, Greenfield points to Iceland, which had one of the largest banking systems until the 2008 financial crisis wiped it out.

"The crash ended up being a teachable moment where they realized they had lost their way," she says. "They decided it was more important to spend time on family and community and building up Iceland, to focus on the environment, both conservation and also enjoying it in their daily lives.

"In a way, the moral of the story is the simplest, most cliched thing, which is that money doesn't get you happiness, it's family and friends and connections that do."

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Your guide to fall's Broadway debuts and exciting revivals

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New York's theater scene is exiting its summer doldrums and marching into fall with gusto. There are certainly some big-name stars popping up and the usual lineup of sure bets on Broadway. But sometimes, the shows you'll remember most fondly aren't necessarily the biggest headliners, but the ones that speak to your heart — and funnybone. Here's what we think is worthy of your to-do list this season.

Lots of stage debuts

There are a handful of people who work in theater worth following anywhere, even if their upcoming projects look like, well, "**Junk**" *(opening Nov. 2; lct.org)*. But that's actually the name of the newest play by Ayad Akhtar, who won the Pulitzer for his Broadway debut, "Disgraced." His prior works make him well worth following on his newest venture, which is about a financial kingpin rising to power in the 1980s, starring Steven Pasquale.

Then again, you can't be sure what you're going to get with "**The Parisian Woman**" *(Nov. 7, parisianwomanbroadway.com)*, which is actually about an American woman helping her husband get ahead in D.C. — and it's being updated week to week based on our actual political climate. If it sounds risky, consider that it stars Uma Thurman and is directed by fearless feminist Pam MacKinnon.

Lastly, the hottest ticket of the season is "**Meteor Shower**" *(Nov. 29; meteoronbroadway.com)*, the latest from Steve Martin, featuring comedians Amy Schumer and Keegan-Michael Key in their Broadway debuts as two halves of married couples who clash in the hot California desert; they're paired with Alan Tudyk and Laura Benanti.

Uma Thurman makes her Broadway debut in "The Parisian Woman." RUFEN AFANADOR

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Let's be honest, sometimes you go to the theater just to have a good time. That's certainly the case with off-off-Broadway's "**Cruel Intentions: The Musical**," a staging of the 1999 film that's loyal to the cult classic, with all of the era's hit tunes intact but also light enough to call it the guilty pleasure that it should be *(Dec. 11; cruelmusical.com)*.

To get a little more highbrow, head to the Public Theater for **Measure for Measure** — with a twist. Elevator Repair Service is known for its quirky spin on classics, such as the epic seven-hour read-through of The Great Gatsby, and here they take the Bard's comedy one step further by experimenting with tempo, sped-up scenes and creative digital effects *(Oct. 10; publictheater.org)*.

Or head to Broadway for the revival of "**Once On This Island**," a musical that theater-lovers can't help but moon over for its catchy tunes and simple but tragic love story that even touches the gods, starring newcomer Hailey Kilgore as the plucky Ti Moune and Lea Salonga as the Goddess of Love *(Dec. 3, onceonthisisland.com)*.

Hailey Kilgore stars in "Once on This Island." PROVIDED

New takes on old stories

Then there are the social justice plays, which strike hot and fast to make a timely impact on society — and you've got to be there. Exploring Nathaniel Hawthorne's The Scarlet Letter, Suzan-Lori Parks' two newest are showing in conversation as "**The Red Letter Plays**." Hester is a modern abortionist who is branded for her sins in "**F-cking A**" *(Sept. 11)*, while "**In the Blood**" *(Sept. 17)* shows her as a mother of five who is condemned by their fathers *(signaturetheatre.org)*.

Similarly, Broadway sees the long-awaited but timely revival of "**M. Butterfly**," the true story of a man's romance with a woman who turns out to be male, starring Clive Owen and directed by Julie Taymor — bound to be one of this season's must-sees *(Oct. 26; mbutterflybroadway.com)*.

The nostalgia factor really kicks in for what happens to be a new play: Sarah Ruhl crafted "**For Peter Pan on Her 70th Birthday**" as a gift

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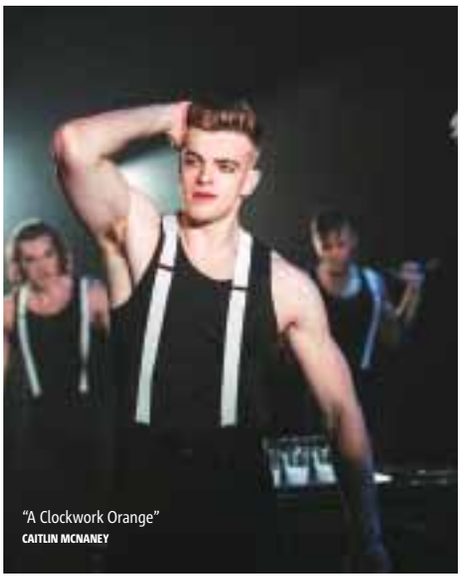
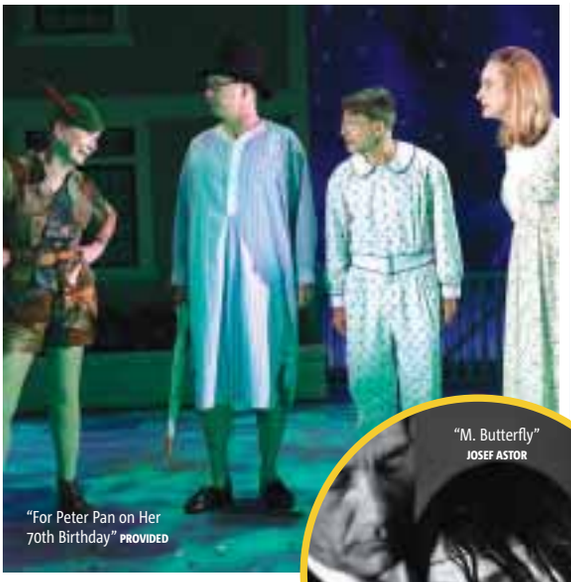


"A Clockwork Orange" CAITLIN MCNANEY



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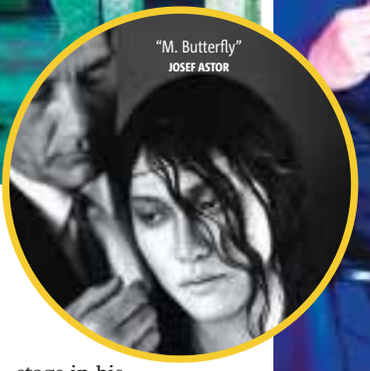

"M. Butterfly" JOSEF ASTOR

"Cruel Intentions" JENNY ANDERSON

to her own mother, who used to fly across the stage as Peter Pan. The story follows five adult siblings as they bring J.M. Barrie's classic to life just so their aging mom can don the green tights one last time *(Sept. 13, playwrightshorizons.org)*.

See it to believe it

When you hear that a new stage adaptation of "**A Clockwork Orange**" is coming, especially straight from an acclaimed London run, you know that you already want to hear more: How exactly are they going to present all of the work's signature grit and gore live onstage? The possibilities alone make it one of our immediate picks *(Sept. 25; newworldstages.com)*.

On the other hand, a surefire hit is BAM's latest twist on one of Shakespeare's most twisted tragedies: "**Richard III**" *(Oct. 11; bam.org)*. In the hands of Germany's Thomas Ostermeier, he's a would-be rock star among men who strides across a mud-covered stage in his own glittery milieu, reaping the reward of a society on the decline, no less depraved than the people around him, just less hesitant to

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Jets fly to Oaktown in Week 2... Is an 0-2 start to 2017 in store?

If Week 1 was in fact an indication of things to come, the Jets are in for a long afternoon against the Raiders this Sunday.

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For a brief moment, there was an inkling of hope in Week 1 that the Jets would shock the NFL and come out of Buffalo with a win and the lead in the AFC East.

But the football gods were swift to remind the world that the Jets will indeed be the Jets as Gang Green just didn't have the horses needed to defeat the Bills, who could not have been happy with the way they played against one of the worst teams in the league.

Week 2 isn't getting any easier for the Jets though, as they travel to Oakland to take on one of the rising powers in the AFC, the Raiders, who are coming off a season-opening road win over the Tennessee Titans.

As well-rounded a team they will face all season, the Jets better have used this week of preparation to the fullest as their bland offense was in shambles last week.

Quarterback Josh McCown threw the ball 39 times against the Bills, which is far too much for a veteran who holds a 18-43 career record as a starter.

The run game was given no chance to get going as the two-headed attack of Matt Forte and Bilal Powell had a combined 13 touches for 38 yards.

If Todd Bowles and the Jets coaching staff continue to direct the offense in that fashion, there is a very good chance New York doesn't win a single game this season.

With the Jets currently as 10-point underdogs heading into the weekend (via Odds Shark), meet the Raiders and take a look at a few things to watch out for:

3 things to watch

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1 Go long, Josh

The Jets (0-1) will need to be creative and not turn quarterback Josh McCown into the check-down king. There will be chances to put a still suspect Raiders' secondary in compromising positions, the Jets just need to be smart and pick their spots.

2 How strong is the defense?

The hope by the Jets is that they have a solid enough defense to slow down Oakland. But after an uneven performance against a one-dimensional Bills' offense, Gang Green can't necessarily count on an absolute improvement — especially when the Raiders have far more weapons than the Bills.

3 Try and keep up

The Jets' offense advanced the ball past the Bills' 30-yard line only once. That definitely won't cut it against a dangerous Raiders offense looking to exploit a Gang Green defense that had some trouble even slowing down a one-man (LeSean McCoy) offense, last week.

Who needs to step up?

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NFL best bets: Week 2

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Miami Dolphins at Los Angeles Chargers (-4)

The Chargers started the season on the wrong foot, losing 24-21 to Denver, but they made a game of it at the end despite having the ball for just 25:47.

Meanwhile, the Dolphins make their 2017 debut after having their home opener postponed due to Hurricane Irma.

Miami will be trotting out Jay Cutler, who was coerced out of retirement after Ryan Tannehill went down with a knee injury.

L.A. should be ready for a heavy dose of Jay Ajayi, which they can probably handle after surrendering a respectable 3.8 YPC to the Broncos last Monday. Once Joey Bosa and company force some third-and-longs, they'll get after the immobile Cutler. They registered four sacks and eight QB hits in Denver last week.

Melvin Gordon should get a few more touches than he did last week, which will enable him to pile up yardage against a sorry Miami run-stopping unit (140.4 YPG allowed in 2016).

The pick: Chargers -4

San Francisco 49ers at Seattle Seahawks (-13.5)

It might seem crazy to give 13 points to a Seattle team that mustered just nine points in its Week 1 tilt, but this matchup has been laughably easy for the Seahawks of late.

Seattle has won and covered in 11 of their last 12 meetings with the Niners and will have a raucous crowd behind them in their home opener.

San Francisco failed to record a sack in their own building against Cam Newton last week, so Russell Wilson should be able to relax and find his targets in the pocket on Sunday. He'll also have Thomas Rawls in the backfield to rely on; he was out with a high-ankle sprain last week.

No matter how you slice it, the Niners have been a bad bet recently; they're 3-6-1 ATS in their last 10 overall, and 2-7-1 ATS in their last 10 on the road.

Brian Hoyer doesn't look like the solution one week into his tenure in San Fran, so lay the points with Seattle.

The pick: Seahawks -13.5

Detroit Lions at New York Giants (-3.5)

Matt Stafford and Co. roll into New York as underdogs on Monday looking to a reverse a 17-6 defeat from last season.

Stafford was playing through an injured finger on his throwing hand then, but is fully healthy now, as evident from his fourth-quarter comeback against the Cardinals last week.

The Lions have a full complement of running backs to fall back on this time as well as rookie wideout Kenny Golladay, who should give the Giants something to think about besides Golden Tate.

New York's pass defense was vulnerable outside Janoris Jenkins and looked shaky in Week 1 against Dallas.

Odell Beckham Jr. is considered "day-to-day" as he nurses a high-ankle sprain, but the Giants need him in there even at less than 100 percent to keep the Lions honest.

Otherwise they'll have a shot at matching their NFL-best three INT performance against Arizona in Week 1.

The pick: Lions +3.5

BEST OF THE REST

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Minnesota Vikings at Pittsburgh Steelers (-6.5)

Philadelphia Eagles at Kansas City Chiefs (-4.5)

Buffalo Bills at Carolina Panthers (-7.5)

Dallas Cowboys (-2) at Denver Broncos

Arizona Cardinals (-7.5) at Indianapolis Colts

Chicago Bears at Tampa Bay Buccaneers (-7)

New England Patriots (-6.5) at New Orleans Saints

Washington Redskins at Los Angeles Rams (-2.5)

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For the first time since spraining his ankle on Aug. 21 against the Cleveland Browns, Odell Beckham Jr. practiced with the New York Giants. GETTY IMAGES

OBJ practices, Giants 'optimistic' he plays

Beckham continues to rehab a sprained ankle picked up during the preseason.

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In hindsight, the New York Giants desperately needed their top wide receiver Odell Beckham Jr. during their Week 1 loss to the Dallas Cowboys on Sunday night. Unfortunately, the explosive pass catcher was a no-go because of an ankle injury sustained during the preseason against the Cleveland Browns.

It looks like there could be some good news for Big Blue this week ahead of Monday night's game against the Detroit Lions.

According to NFL Network's Ian Rapoport, the Giants have "much more optimism" that Beckham will suit up in Week 2.

On Thursday afternoon, Beckham practiced with the Giants for the first time in a month, further building said optimism.

"[This is the] best I've felt yet," Beckham said after practice. "Going in the right direction,"

Rapoport also added that Beckham tried to push his way into the starting lineup against the Cowboys, but it was decided he couldn't play after a light workout session before the game at AT&T Stadium.

For Beckham's sake, it might be better that he does suit up to play after what happened last week.

He was spotted in a dance battle with Oklahoma City Thunder star point guard Russell Westbrook, sprained ankle and all, last Thursday in the Meatpacking District. Granted, Beckham isn't one to shy away from dancing regardless of the health of his ankles. He was seen dancing on social media just nine days after picking up the injury.

The Giants offense needs all the help it can get after its performance in Dallas.

With quarterback Eli Manning having virtually no time in the pocket due to a sieve-like offensive line, New York's offense mustered just 233 yards of total offense, 198 through the air.

Brandon Marshall was targeted just four times and had one catch in the game's final seconds while Roger Lewis was the team's leading receiver with 54 yards.

Sterling Shepard and rookie Evan Engram had promising 2017 debuts, hauling in seven and four catches respectively for 44 yards apiece.

Beckham's versatility as a slot receiver or outside threat would at least keep the Lions defense in check a bit more. But most importantly, it gives Manning a reliable set of hands to throw toward while under pressure.

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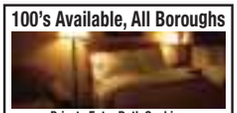

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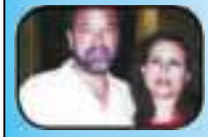

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Aries Excessive behavior on your part or on the part of someone you are close to will cause friction. Impulsive actions will lead to a division that will result in regret.

Taurus Stick to what you know and the things that work best for you. Be specific and tactful when presenting what you have to offer and you'll get good results.

Gemini Don't take chances while traveling or when dealing with the powers that be. Make sure your personal papers are up to date and that you don't take careless risks.

Cancer Enjoy the comfort of home with friends and family. Your hospitality will help you gain popularity, but don't break the bank trying to please. You cannot buy love.

Leo Instability at home or work will leave you feeling emotionally drained. Don't let uncertainty drag you down. Work on finding opportunities that offer greater security.

Virgo Simplicity and discipline will be required if you want to reach your goal. Don't give in to anyone using emotional manipulation or possessing ulterior motives.

Libra Don't jump to conclusions or overreact. Be reasonable and have patience with those using emotional tactics to entice you into doing something you shouldn't.

Scorpio Share information and communicate openly. Your straightforward attitude will help you in business and when dealing with delicate matters at home or with friends.

Sagittarius Giving in to an impulse will result in trouble. Don't let your emotions lead you down a slippery slope. If you cannot afford something, don't buy it.

Capricorn Show reluctance if someone tempts you with something that isn't good for you. Take a conservative position and opt out if an offer is costly, indulgent or risky.

Aquarius Don't overspend trying to compensate for something you did or didn't do. The best way to deal with mistakes is to fix them without going into debt.

Pisces Listen to others, but don't react in haste. There will be good and bad in the information you receive. Look for ways to salvage what you can. EUGENIA LAST

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